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After what feels like months spent wrapped up in scarves, hats and coats, battling the elements, March is finally here, and with it brings the start of one of the best seasons of the year.

From newborn chicks to blossoming trees, there's something about spring which brings an exciting buzz like no other time of year, as a previously grey skyline gives way to blues and greens and the evenings start to lighten. But as we get ready to banish the woolly jumpers to the back of our wardrobes, it's hard not to feel like the colder months have taken their toll on us. Underneath those black opaques lie bodies that need some serious TLC.

If you're after a bit of a body and beauty overhaul turn to page 20 where we meet the Richmond experts who can help you look great again. Patrick Lehane of The Richmond Hair Company reveals his hair secrets for the season ahead, while Fiona Sanderson of Richmond boutique Feather and Stitch tells us which key pieces you'll be wearing all summer long.

Also making a splash (ahem…) this month is local comedian and celebrity diver Omid Djalili, who chats to us on page 12 about his upcoming solo tour, and why taking a leap of faith on Splash! has given him a new-found confidence.

As we finally start to thaw out and look forward to summer, our thoughts turn to barbeques and beaches and all the wonder that Britain has to offer. So whether you're looking for ways to entertain your children or a staycation with a difference we've got all the answers in this jam-packed issue.

Whatever you're doing, enjoy Easter and I'll see you next month.

Vicky Mayer
Editor-in-Chief

**This month I have…** decided to stop moaning about the cold weather and use my time indoors to book up some great things to do this year. Including a much anticipated trip to see the new Bowie exhibition at the V&A. Can't wait!

The heart and soul of Richmond

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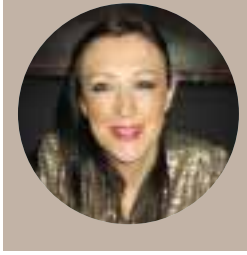

Acting Editor **Janelle Butterfield** has been braving the cold on the red carpet this month, chatting with Helen Mirren and Hugh Jackman at this year's BAFTAs. She can't wait for warmer weather so she can hit the showbiz parties minus layers!

Busy interior designer **Jenny Blanc** has staved off the winter-blues, flying between her showrooms in West London and Barbados. Having launched her design practice fifteen years ago, she talks us through her latest ventures on page 37.

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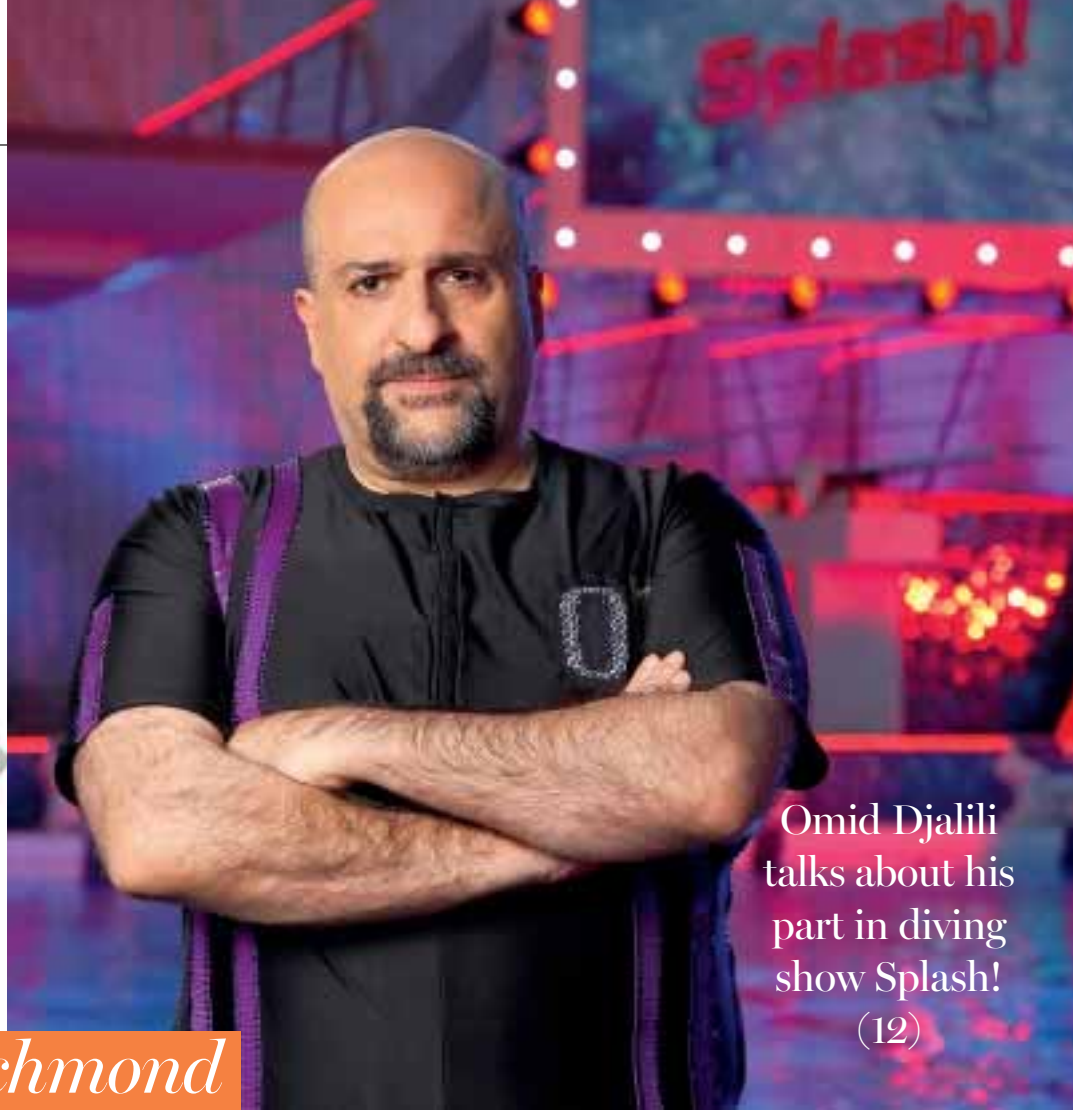


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# Richmond life

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## Time for tea!

As March marks Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, The Eve Appeal are encouraging women to throw a community tea party for the 8th year running.

This year's campaign is being spearheaded again by celebrity ambassador Lorraine Kelly.

'I can't think of anything nicer than having a good old chinwag with the girls over a lovely cup of tea and a slice of cake – particularly when this little indulgence could make such a difference to ovarian cancer research,' says Lorraine. 'I'll be putting the kettle on myself and loving a reason to get the best china out!'

✤ To find out more about tea parties being held in your area, or register one locally, head to www.eveappeal.org.uk for a free tea party fundraising pack or contact office@eveappeal.org.uk; 020 7605 0100.

EDITOR'S PICK OF THE MONTH

## Richmond's finest buys

LOCAL LUXE

These gorgeous Druzy rings are perfect for teaming with your spring wardrobe. For just £49 each, we want the set!

✤ Available at Avenue Boutique, 13 Paved Court, Richmond upon Thames, TW9 1LZ; 020 8940 1470

After a winter hidden away, we're ready to show off our tootsies in these stylish Ugg Australia wedges.

✤ £120 at Ugg Australia, 50 George St, Richmond, TW9 1HJ; 020 7748 7414

Popular with Yasmin Le Bon, Kaneshka does perfect SW style, with a hint of the east…

✤ Paisley Print Kaftan, £85. Kaneshka, The Square, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 1DZ; 020 8948 5728

## Party Time!

As the weather gets warmer, West-London and Surrey based bespoke party planners Buttons Children's Parties are on hand to get the party started. From creating fairy wings to chocolate making, party planner Ellie Kelly gives a personal touch to any child's special occasion. Fairy dust optional!

✤ www.buttonschildrensparties.

## Keeping Mum

A survey conducted by Nelsons has shown that over a third of us have inherited our skin types from our mothers

## Just Dance!

This spring sees RichDance return to the borough to celebrate local talent and a growing love of dance in the area. Set up in 2002 by the Council's Arts Service, the festival is a great opportunity to see budding performers showcase their passion. As well as performances during the two days there will also be workshops for participants to learn new skills and forms of dance.

Councillor Pamela Fleming, Cabinet Member for Business, Community and Culture says: 'RichDance festival celebrates and showcases all types of dancers. Previous years have seen many talented performers. We have an exceptional passion for the arts which is growing every year and I am pleased once again that we are able to provide a stage for them.'

✤ 20-21 April, Hampton School, Hampton School, Hanworth Road, Hampton, Middlesex TW12 3HD; 020 8831 6000; artsinfo@richmond.gov.uk

CELEB SPOT

## Lenny's Back

Lenny Henry heads to Richmond this spring to perform in Tony Award winning American drama, Fences. One of the greatest American plays of the 20th Century, it's a story of a family trying to hold itself together and of what happens when a man is robbed of his dreams. Following his triumphant performance as Othello, Lenny Henry takes on one of the drama's most poignant characters.

✤ Runs from Tue 5th to Sat 9th March. Richmond Theatre, The Green, Richmond, Surrey TW9 1QJ; 0844 871 7627; www.atgtickets.com

## Happy Snaps

Keen photographers can head down to The Landmark Arts Centre, where The Richmond & Twickenham Photographic Society are holding their annual exhibition.

The work on display will include fine art photographs and projected digital images. There will also be work from the Royal Photographic Society and a selection of images by GCSE pupils from St Catherine's school for Girls.

✤ 20 March 1 April, The Landmark Arts Centre, Ferry Road, Teddington, TW11 9NN; 020 8977 7558; landmarkartscentre.org

## Peace of mind for local parents

Launching this spring, the Richmond Child-minding Network will help local parents find the best facilities for 2-4 year olds. Moving away from the National Childminding Association, the system hopes to deliver a flexible, personal system for parents looking for child care, as well as local child-carers looking for support. Councillor Christine Percival, Cabinet Member for Education, Youth and Children's Services, says: 'I'm very happy that we are offering the residents of the borough extra peace of mind through the Richmond Child-minding Network, allowing residents to know that the person looking after their child is well qualified, reliable and, above all, safe.'

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# Lynne Parker

## This month our columnist is enjoying unearthing forgotten treasures

Photo by: Grace Lightman

### My month

✤ I'm looking forward to getting some great vintage buys at the brand new Recollection Fair on Saturday 9 April. If you've got some of your own 'treasure' to sell – book a stall for a fun-filled day, complete with music and food. See recollectionfair.com.

✤ I'm a real sucker for a car boot sale so I'm bound to see you at one of the biggest car boot events on the first Sunday of the month at Chiswick School. A sale with a difference, this one is run by the school's PTA, is a registered charity, and money raised from the entrance fees goes to the school.

✤ I'm getting crafty this month and trying my hand at knitting. The Social Knitwork meet once a month at the Tea Box in Paradise Road, Richmond. Check out meetup.com for opportunities to flex your knitting needles in and around the area!

March is the month of recollection, renovation and renewal, so it's time to brush away those cobwebs; and who knows what might be lurking under the dust! They say that one man's rubbish is another man's treasure and I've always been a bit of a magpie, scouring charity shops and flea markets for elusive objects. It became such an obsession that for a brief spell in my life before the children came along, to fill our 'spare time', my husband and I ran a stall selling art deco china and glass at weekend antique fairs. I think we kept more than we sold, but it has helped us to furnish and decorate our various homes over the years.

It's clearly rubbed off as now it's the turn of the next generation. Our daughter Grace launches the aptly named Recollection Fair in Kew next month. She has attracted stall holders who will be selling a mix of 'collectables', vintage and retro clothing, crafts and food against a soundtrack of live music, carefully curated to help the day go with an extra swing.

Such creativity is reassuring as I don't really like the 'out with the old, in with the new' mentality so prevalent in today's modern society. The return of 'shabby chic' means that my faithful Lloyd Loom furniture and Homemaker plates are back in vogue. My fellow magpies would do well to scour this part of the world for antique and retro gems. The myriad of charity shops along the outlying high streets of Twickenham and Sheen are particularly worth investigating for hidden treasure and for the brave, check out car boot sales and antique fairs.

It's all about having an eye and seeing the potential of an item, whether it be part of a collection of other similar objects or a well-chosen fashion accessory. I have always admired those people who can make magic out of a few artfully arranged items, treating their home like a stage set, creating a scene for everyone to enjoy. So the re-emergence of 'mending and making do' means that we are hungry for new skills to renovate and repair much loved furniture and clothing.

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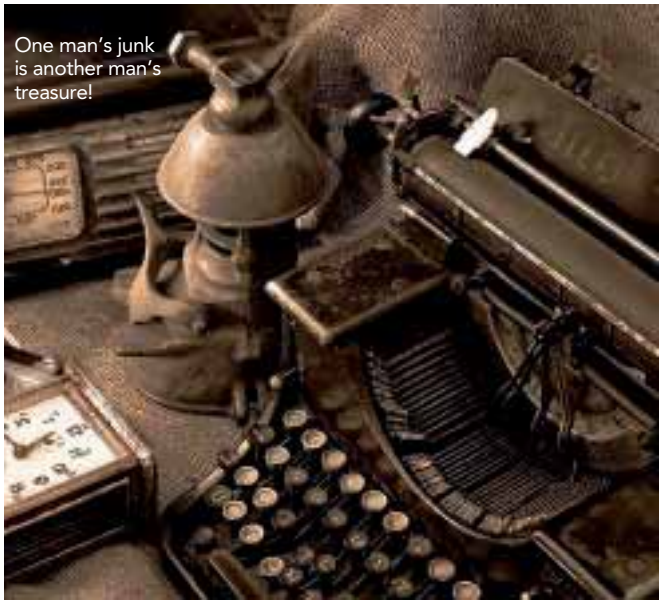
Sadly not everybody has the opportunity to learn basic carpentry or how to sew and knit and for those of us who eschewed these skills at school (yes, we even had 'wood and metal work' classes at my grammar school although it was mainly aimed at the boys), it's not so easy to pass them on to the next generation. The emergence of knitting and sewing circles is filling this crafty skills gap, re-emerging as a popular past-time.

We're relearning the basic art of living – by recollecting the skills of our grandparents' generation to renovate and repair the things that you most value, giving them a new lease of life for when our children inherit or unearth them. For those who prefer not to clutter their lives with artefacts or excess clothing, please take them to a charity shop or give them away to somebody setting up home for the first time. I guarantee there will be somebody out there waiting to give your unwanted 'junk' pride of place!



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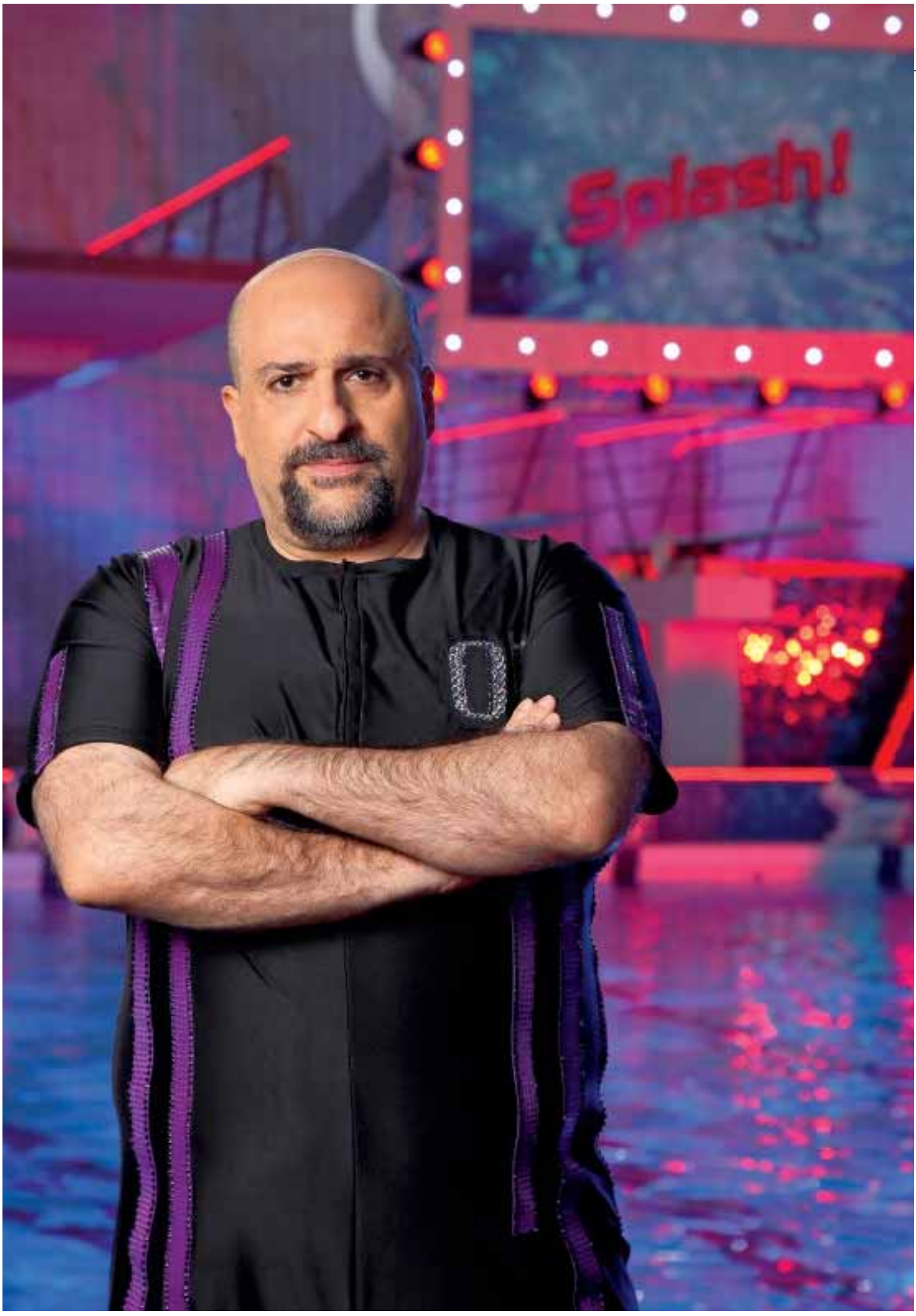

Splash!

# The bravest man in Richmond

## Comedian Omid Djalili tells Jay Balis how conquering his fears in ITV1's surprise TV hit Splash! has led to his first solo West End run

Omid Djalili has a lot to answer for. Anyone who loves diving will know that kids are now renaming a graceful swan dive as 'doing an Omid'. And his success on ITV1's show Splash! has caused such a stir that shops have seen a tsunami of demand for larger sized swimsuits. 'If I have inspired people of a bigger shape not to be held back by their body and try athleticism, I am happy,' he grins.

Djalili – who made his name as Britain's first Iranian stand-up and has acted in countless Hollywood movies including The Mummy, Gladiator and David Baddiel's The Infidel as well as on the stage as Fagin in Cameron Mackintosh's Oliver, came out of nowhere when he performed the first 10-metre swan dive in the opening show.

The dive was a game changer for the show, which has just been signed up for another season, and for Djalili. 'I actually signed up for the show to lose weight,' he laughs. 'But I soon realised this was a show about women in bikinis and fat blokes who could hurt themselves.'

The premise of Splash! was the equivalent of a Strictly Come Diving, where 15 celebrities would learn to gracefully hurl themselves off 3m, 5m and ultimately 10m boards under the mentoring eye of Olympic Bronze medallist Tom Daley.

Omid has been doing stand-up for 20 years.

Omid loves Richmond Park in the snow

> If I have inspired people of a bigger shape not to be held back by their body and try athleticism, then I am very happy.

'We only had 18 hours of training before the first show. People were doing 3m and 5m and they needed someone to go on the 10m board. Because I had gone on the 7.5m they thought I could do it,' says Djalili, who lives in Richmond, with his wife actress Annabel Knight and their three children, Isabella, Louis and Danny.

'When I first went on the board with Jake Canuso to have a look, Jake collapsed with nausea and I thought: "I can't do this. No way." Even if someone put a gun to my mother's head and said: "We will kill your mother if you do not jump." I would say, "Ask me another question."

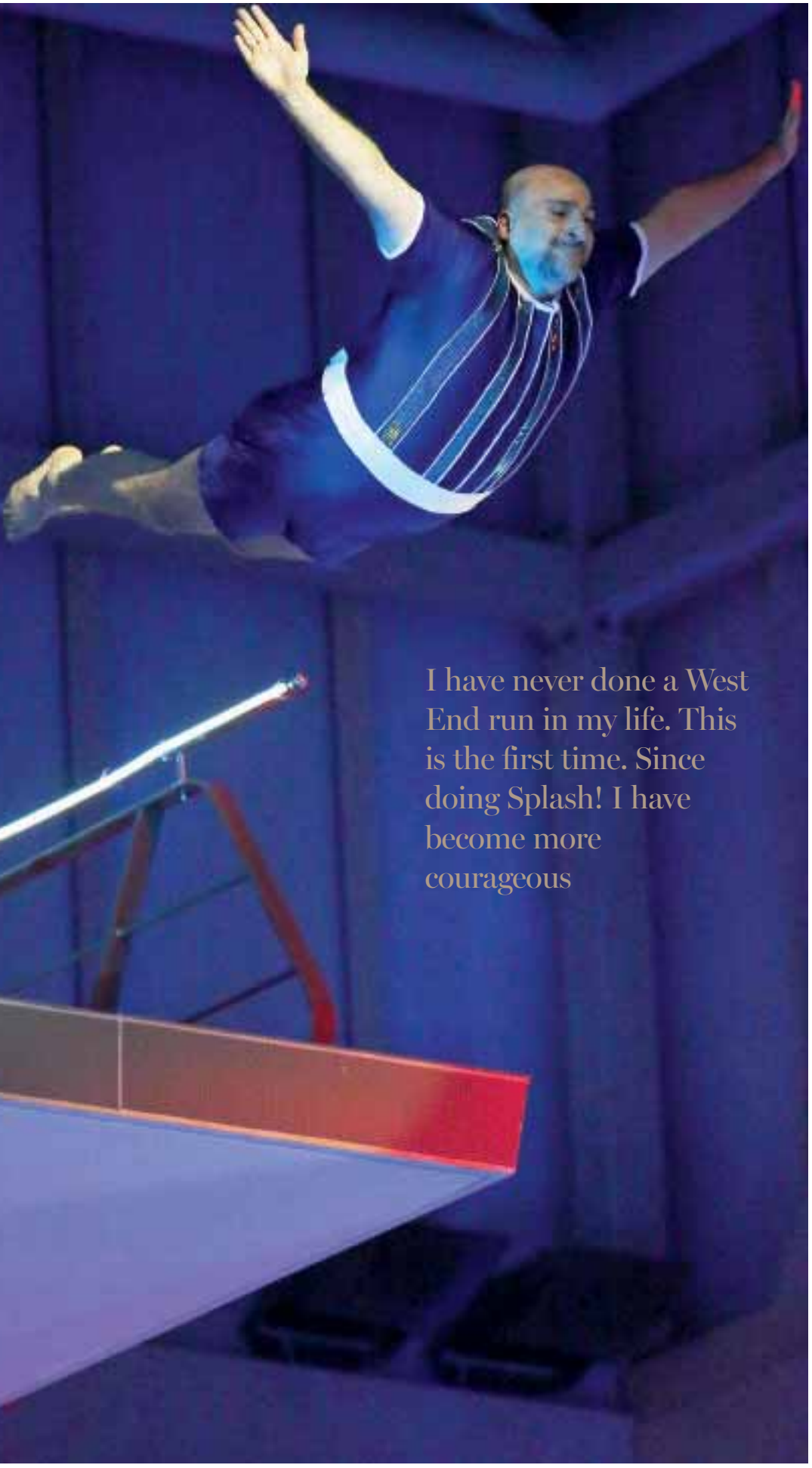
### Omid's local hotspots

- I 've always been a fan of Richmond Park and at night-time in the snow this year it was absolutely spectacular. Very Dickensian.
- This is such a great area for families and we love all the restaurants, especially Giraffe, Moomba and Cote.
- I love Danieli ice creams – they're the best. I hear they are even exporting it to Kings in Qatar.

'When I did a straight dive off 7.5m for the first time, I was in shock for 24 hours. My organs inside were so shaken up. A lot of people failed the medical; you have to have a strong heart to take that initial impact. It normally takes about a year to work up to it. Even someone like Tom Daley is in pain all the time. It's like eight people slapping your body all over with both hands.'

Djalili's 10m debut dive came on the opening show. Dressed in what he dubs an Edwardian onesie, the dive became a YouTube hit. 'On the day I just threw my arms up so high because there was a cameraman in my landing area. So when I gestured 'get back' it was to this cameraman.

I was annoyed, it was live television and this cameraman was in my path, so I thought I would aim myself to land on him. I thought whether I land on him or in the



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water it will hurt so much it won't make any difference.

'But when I threw my arms up and jumped, I saw the cameraman move back, which is why I rotated too quickly and actually landed on my back.' Djalili, who made the semi-finals, says doing the show has made him far braver.

A stand-up comic for more than 20 years, he is embarking on a month-long solo West End run, Omid Djalili Live, at the Leicester Square Theatre next month. 'I have never done a West End run in my life. This is the first time. Since doing Splash! I have become more courageous.'

'All the topics I have stayed away from I feel I can go there now. I've always done the big topics like politics, Arab Spring and the meaning of life but I'm finding more meaning in the every day things: why London is the greatest city in the world, feeling 18 when you are 47 and why are there no women Bishops!'

Although stand-up is Djalili's bread and butter, it was actually his success in Hollywood that brought him to Richmond. He bought his first property in East Sheen 15 years ago after starring in the blockbuster The Mummy.

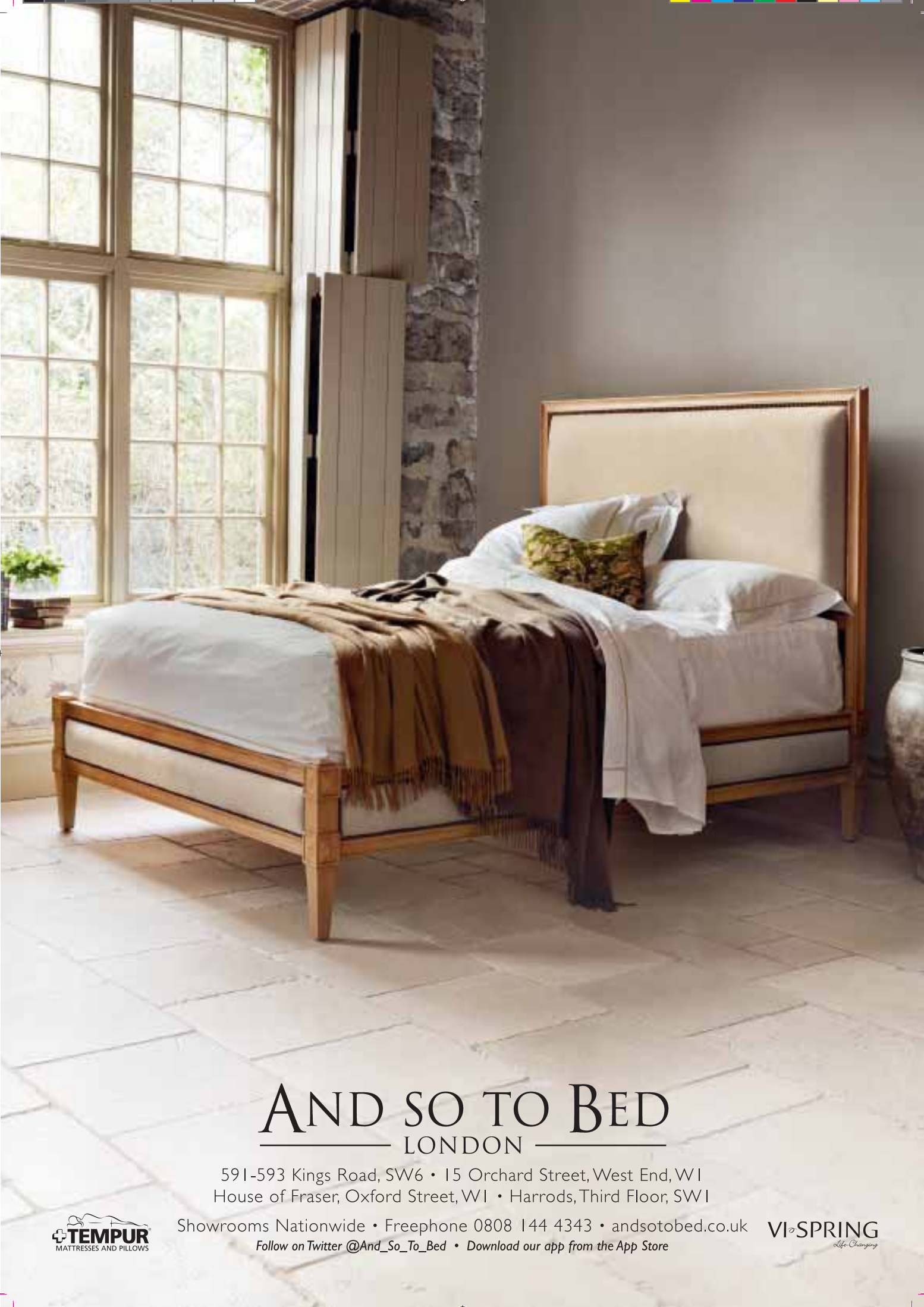
'I've been along the south circular for most of my life and used to drive past East Sheen Primary School. I always saw the kids in their uniform and thought they look so happy. I thought; "I would like my kids to grow up here and go there," and they did,' says Djalili.

'Now we just live right by Richmond Park and Sheen Gate where Fenton The Dog became an Internet sensation.'

'What made me laugh is that I have seen that dog so many times and he's always chasing the deer and you hear his owner shout "Fenton, FENTON! Jesus Christ…"

'I try and run in Richmond Park most mornings. I haven't made it all the way round yet. As a family we use the park a lot.' If Djalili's multi faceted career ever stalls, it looks like he could be a spokesman for the Richmond tourist board!

✤ Omid Djalili Live, at the Leicester Square Theatre from 30 April–25 May; leicestersquaretheatre.com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# Style NEWS

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LOCAL LUXE

## MALE ORDER
### Lay off of my grey suede shoes

Though not of the blue Elvis-worthy variety, these Grey Suede Brogues from Office, £79.99, are an on-trend item you wouldn't want trodden on.

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## Sheer nude

Feminine neutrals and transparent overlays made a playful appearance in many of the spring collections, with labels like Chloé producing a flurry of girly ruffles, mesh-like panels and shell-coloured pleats. Achieve this barely-there look with pale, putty hues and lacy layers. Complement with a pair of perspex heels or stylish metallic accessories.

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## High gloss

Plump your lips and give your cupid's bow a touch of sheen with these lip glosses. **Guerlain KissKiss Gloss, £21,** combines mirror shine and radiant shades (available at House of Fraser, 80 George Street, TW9 1HA; houseoffraser.co.uk). **Paul & Joe Lip Gloss in Sherbet, £15**, is deliciously sheer, loading volume without heaviness (available at selfridges.com). Doubling up as an ultra-moisturising balm, **Lanolips 101 Ointment, £11.22,** will banish dry skin (available at Boots).

Edited by **Mary-Jane Wiltsher**

*The Richmond* resident *LOVES*

### Au naturel

Get natural radiance from **Nars' Illuminator, £22**, which can be used to highlight bare skin or to complement your day to day make up.

✤ Available at Space NK, 34 Hill St, TW9 1TW; 020 8940 4332; spacenk.com

### Healthy glow

The CACI Microdermabrasion Treatment at Aquarius Spa gently removes the superficial layer of skin to diminish blemishes, scarring and sun damage. A hydrotone mask is then applied to hydrate and sooth, leaving your complexion revitalised. 30 minutes, £40.

✤ Aquarius Spa, Pools on the Park, Twickenham Road, TW9 2SF; 020 8948 8110; aquariusspa.com

# *Beauty NEWS*

### His & Hers

Jo Malone's iconic bath and body range include deliciously fragrant combinations with a luxurious texture, such as the Blackberry and Bay Body Crème, bursting with blackberry juice, fresh bay, musk and woody notes. 175ml, £48.

✤ 0800 054 2939; jomalone.co.uk

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### HERE TO STAY

Benefit's stay-put primer for concealers and eyeshadows, Stay Don't Stray, £19.50, will soon be available in a larger variety of shades to suit all complexions. Dab on with the application wand for hydrated, smudge-free eyes.

✤ Available at Benefit counters from April; House of Fraser, 80 George Street, TW9 1HA; houseoffraser.co.uk

# Spring Make-Over!

Get the look you want for the year ahead. Here Richmond's fashion, hair and beauty experts tell you how to revamp your look for the warmer weather

Spring can mean many things – a clear out of what we no longer need, a long anticipated house move or even just getting the garden furniture back out. But what about our own spring clean?

January might have signalled the start of a new fitness regime but with winter and the elements playing havoc with our skin and hair, these Richmond experts tell us why spring is the perfect time to shake up our look and give ourselves a boost…

The Sanctuary Spa can banish those winter cobwebs

It's important to look after your skin all year round and to address the different seasons

## Spring Glow

Our skin changes with the seasons so it's important to look at tweaking your skincare at this time,' says Nichola Joss, Sanctuary Spa Skincare Expert. 'In winter we cover up more so our skin tends to build up and not naturally exfoliate as much, making it duller in colour and often a little sluggish and lacklustre.

'It's important to look after your skin all year round and to address the different seasons by changing your products slightly. Adding a higher SPF, using more hydrating moisturisers or even adding a little self-tan will all add a spring glow to skin that can be a little dull after the winter months.'

And it's not just lotions and potions, insists Nichola; 'Spa treatments are great at this time of year for getting rid of that winter look. All over body massage, exfoliating and lymphatic drainage treatments are fab. Detoxing the skin from winter months can be great for your skin – and a great way to relax! A body polish or facial can brighten the skin and re-inject some much-needed colour.'

**TRY...** Look at masks and exfoliating products to brighten skin like Sanctuary Spa Radiance Exfoliator (£10.20).

**TOP TIP!**

'If you want to start doing one thing this spring, try detoxing the skin with masks and exfoliators like Sanctuary Spa 5 Minute Thermal Detox Mask (£10.20),' says Nichola. 'Detox the body with vegetable juices and cut back on heavy foods like dairy, wheat, carbs and sugars. You'll feel great and your skin will reap the benefits.'

✤ Sanctuary Spa, 50 Hill Rise, Richmond, TW10 6UB; Tel: 0845 521 4567; richmondspa.uk@sanctuary.com

## Hair Care

While winter skin can be lacklustre and dull, our hair can suffer even further. Top stylist Patrick Lehane of The Richmond Hair Company tells us how to get your locks back on track…

'Winter wrecks our hair. Wind, rain, central heating and over drying all add up to damaged cuticles plus we tend to style our hair more as there's more moisture in the air.'

So what can we do? 'Use the right shampoos and conditioners to combat this and don't be afraid of using leave-in conditioners or serum.

'Spring is the perfect time to brighten things up. If you're blonde, try highlights, if you're brunette, try caramel while copper reds are great if you're feeling adventurous.'

Feeling timid about colour? Why not go for the snip..

'Go shorter!' says Patrick. 'Spring is a good time to show off a new cut. Plan it with your stylist and go for it.'

**TRY...** a good shampoo and conditioner such as AreaH20 to detox your hair and give it a spring clean. Speak to your hairdresser about hair glossing, as this will add shine.'

**TOP TIP!**

Use UV protection spray (Paul Mitchell Colour Protect UV spray) and heat protector when straightening.

✤ Patrick Lehane runs the Richmond Hair Company at 116 Sheen Rd, Richmond Upon Thames TW9 1UR; 020 8940 5120.

## Seasonal Style

It's not just our hair that could do with shedding dull colours, our wardrobe should be full of spring colour too, says Fiona Sanderson, owner of Richmond boutique Feather & Stitch.

'Fresh and vibrant colours are great for spring – think ice cream tones of pink, lemon and mint as well as brighter shades of lime, blue and orange. Denim, white, cream and grey all provide a complementary neutral colour palette.'

'Add some colour, print or texture to your wardrobe! Prints, both bold and more subtle, can be worn in a variety of ways to ring in the new season. French brand American Vintage and new Swedish brand House of Dagmar have some fantastic prints this spring.'

But while we'd all love to spend the next few months in dresses and sandals, the British weather means being slightly more cautious. Don't get caught out, says Fiona. 'Layering is key to British Spring dressing. Teaming a blouse, with a fitted jacket and an all year round fine wool scarf will ensure you're warm enough and not tempted to reach straight for your big winter coat!'

'Light-weight knits are also a year-round essential. New York brand 360 Sweater sell well in the spring as they produce the perfect weight of cashmere. Sacks have a stunning range of short sleeve cotton jumpers this spring.'

But it's not all about buying new. 'A hard-working wardrobe will consist of old and new season,' says Fiona. 'Everyone should own a great fitting pair of jeans, a well-cut blazer as well as some quality pieces in leather, cashmere or silk. From this base, you can then update your wardrobe with seasonal buys, adding new colours, prints and fabrics to update your look in a variety of ways.

**TRY...**Take a small step by accessorising your outfit with a clutch, belt or scarf in Spring's colours or prints to give your look a fresh twist.

**TOP TIP!**
Be brave! Try the new range of spring colours against your skin tone and choose those which most flatter you.

✤ For help with updating your wardrobe, book a free personal styling session with Feather & Stitch owner, Fiona Sanderson Feather and Stitch, 16 King Street, Richmond, TW9 1ND; 020 8332 2717; featherandstitch.com

Layering is key to looking chic and staying warm!

Embrace spring colours in ice-cream tones

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# In my kitchen

## Shay Cooper, Head Chef at The Bingham

**What sets The Bingham apart?**
The riverside location, personal service and quality ingredients. We also have our own vegetable garden and use some of the produce we grow in dishes on the menu.

**What's your favourite dish?**
Our egg custard dessert. It took me a while to get it right, but it is the type of dish that offers a bit of an unexpected surprise when it arrives at the table. You'll have to try it to find out just what that surprise is!

**What can we expect from the new Bingham menu as we now head into spring/summer?**
Plenty of seasonal ingredients such as courgette blossoms, heritage tomatoes, lemon sole, diver caught scallops, English asparagus and spring lamb.

**What would be your desert island dish?**
Without a doubt, spit roast lamb, buttered Jersey royal potatoes and mint sauce.

✤ 61-63 Petersham Road, TW10 6UT; 020 8940 0902; thebingham.co.uk

Dine in style at The Bingham

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# Gourmet NEWS

## FOOD WITHOUT THE FUSS

Local start-up Jessica's Recipe Bag offers locals fresh, high quality ingredients delivered straight to your door.

✤ jessicasrecipebag.co.uk

## Bottoms Up!

Special occasion? The Petersham Hotel offers a wide selection of the best champagnes, perfect for celebrating with loved ones. Look out for their special Mother's Day menu this month, plus events based around England's attempt to claim the Six Nations rugby crown too.

✤ The Petersham, Nightingale Lane, TW10 6UZ; 020 8940 7471; petershamhotel.co.uk

## Motherly love

Treat your Mum to some pure indulgence this Mother's Day. Try a box of these luxury milk, dark and white truffles with torte and ganache. Perfect teamed with seasonal flowers!

✤ Marks and Spencer, 13 George Street, TW9 1JY; 020 8948 0044; www.marksandspencer.com

## TOM'S CHOICE

### JUST SAY SUSHI...

'For those who are serious about sushi, the search for piscine perfection is as ceaseless as it is exacting. No voyage is too gruelling, no suburb too distant, no backstreet too grim.'

**Cool Sushi**
Chef Matsu serves up a winning combination of Japanese food including a tasty selection of sushi. Pick from salmon, tuna or seabass sashimi as well as tasty tempura and jam-packed selection boxes. Learn how to make the yummy snacks in special cooking classes on Sunday's and Monday's.

✤ 180 Upper Richmond Road West, SW14 8AW; 020 8392 2858; coolsushi.co.uk

**Matsuba**
Dubbed by locals 'the best sushi in Richmond', Matsuba rustles up fantastic sushi in decadent surroundings. With attentive staff and a well thought out menu, featuring all the favourites from sashimi to tempura, the restaurant enjoys a loyal following who come back again and again.

✤ 10 Red Lion Street, TW9 1RW; 020 8605 3513

**Kiraku**
Meaning Japanese for 'relax and enjoy', Kiraku provides fresh ingredients in a warm and lively atmosphere. The restaurant provides a wide selection of lunch choices as well as perfectly presented hot and cold foods and fantastic fish, all washed down with a traditional Japanese saki.

✤ 8 Station Parade, Uxbridge Road, W5 3LD; 020 8992 2848; kiraku.co.uk

ART

## Spellbound

Head down to the Riverside Gallery where new exhibition 'Spellbound' presents the work of 13 artists and craftsmen. Drawing from people, fashion, land and townscapes, each artist uses varying mediums to bring their vision to life, including metals, wood and fabric. With a fresh take on their subject matter, the work is dynamic, different and, at times, thought-provoking.

✤ The Exhibition runs until 25 May. Riverside Gallery, Old Town Hall, Whittaker Avenue, Richmond, TW9 1TP

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THEATRE

## Abigail's Party

Starring EastEnders' star Hannah Waterman and Hotel Babylon's Martin Marquez, the classic 80's production about the twists and turns of suburban life heads to Richmond following a hit West End run. What starts out as a birthday party for 15 year old Abigail soon descends into debauchery as the neighbours unwittingly find their lives unravelling amid a cocktail of babycham and cheese and pineapple sticks.

✤ 11-16 March at the Richmond Theatre, The Green, Richmond, Surrey. TW9 1QJ; 0844 871 7651; atgtickets.com

WALK

## RICHMOND PARK

As the evenings get lighter and spring comes into bloom, head to Richmond Park for a spring education in birdsong. Peter Burrows-Smith from the Friends of Richmond Park is hosting the course, which includes a 30 minute talk with tea and coffee, followed by a two hour walk around the park. As well as a lesson in nature, guests can enjoy views of the park as it enters, what is arguably, it's most favoured season.

✤ The walk costs £6 per person which includes membership to the Friends of Richmond Park. Free for existing members. 16 March, 10am, at Richmond Park (Pembroke Lodge); contact Sue Gibbons on 0208 549 8975 or sue.gibbons@npl.co.uk to book

FILM

## Zandonai's Francesca Da Rimini

Conductor Marco Armiliato takes the lead in this breathtaking adaptation of Piero Faggioni's production, which provides perfect Saturday afternoon escapism. Set in the early 20th century, Eva-Maria Westbroek plays the lead role of a noblewoman who is tricked into marrying evil Gianciotto, instead of her true love Paolo. Opera lovers can kick back with a glass of wine and immerse themselves in this classic operatic drama.

✤ 16 March, 4pm. Curzon, Richmond, Water Lane, TW9 1JT. 0871 703 3992; Curzoncinemas.com

# BOOK NOW FOR APRIL

Bushey Park 10K is not only for a great cause but a chance to get fit and take in the breath-taking scenery. To cope with demand there are eight races this year and places are already filling up fast! Race packs contain information on how to raise sponsorship and top training tips for beginners, so don your running gear and get signed up at capitalrunners.com

✤ Sunday 28 April. Bushey Park, Hampton, Middlesex, KT8 9BZ

Folk-rock band Acoustic Strawbs head down to Richmond for an evening of their greatest hits. The 70's band, comprising David Cousins, Dave Lambert, and Chas Cronk, scored chart success in Britain with albums such as Grave New World and Bursting at the Seams as well as classics Hero and Heroine and Ghosts. Having spent over 52 weeks on the US Billboard charts, the critically acclaimed band are wowing crowds on their latest UK tour.

✤ Friday 12 April, Landmark Arts Centre, Ferry Road, Teddington, Richmond-Upon-Thames, Middlesex, TW11 9NN; 020 8977 7558; ents24.com

Always wanted to know more about your past? Fascinated by your ancestors? Julian Pooley, Archivist from the Surrey History Centre, will be discussing how to find your ancestors at the Richmond Local History Society. The talk will help budding historians delve into their family trees and find out more about their lineage. Non-members welcome.

✤ Monday 15 April, 8pm. Duke Street Church, Duke Street, Richmond, TW9 1H; 020 8891 3825; rich.hist@yahoo.co.uk

DINING

# 3 of the best... for Mother's Day

1 If you want to pamper your mum in style this Mother's Day, treat her to the ultimate decadence of afternoon tea at the Richmond Hill Hotel. From wafer thin sandwiches, rich scones, clotted cream and a selection of delectable pastries to a cold glass of champagne and a selection of teas, kick back and relax in the luxury surroundings of the lounge. Those wanting to walk up an appetite can take a stroll in the scenic surroundings beforehand.

✤ £19.50 per person. Richmond Hill Hotel, 144-150 Richmond Hill, Richmond-upon-Thames, Surrey, TW10 6RW; 020 8940 2247; richmondhill-hotel.co.uk

2 Enjoy a sumptuous three course lunch at historic gastropub, The Victoria. With the finest ingredients, mouth-watering mains and delectable desserts, treat your mum to a day of culinary prowess in their luxury surroundings. Expect British classics such as roast lamb and Eton mess, washed down with fine wines and a relaxed and convenial ambience.

✤ The Victoria, 10 West Temple,Sheen, London, SW14 7RT; 020 8876 4238; thevictoria.net

3 Head to Arthur's on the Green for a spectacular three course dinner. From confit of duck to slow roasted pork, their Mother's Day menu will hit the spot; enjoy gourmet dining in their cosy surroundings. Perfect for a relaxed Sunday evening in good company.

✤ Dinner from 5pm. £24.95 per person; 20 The Green, Twickenham, TW2 5AB; 020 8893 3995; arthursonnthegreen.co.uk

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**Who is Monkey?**
He is very loveable. I've had many a mum knocking at my door gone 10pm asking for another monkey because their child has lost theirs and can't get to sleep. Children become very attached.

**Where is monkey going in 2013?**
In our songs we take him swimming, to the beach, up a hill and he does dress up for every occasion whether looking resplendent in his swimming trunks and goggles or as a fireman.

✤ Claire Slade runs 25 classes a week in Richmond; 020 8847 4031; monkeymusic.co.uk

## Kew up for Easter

A perfect destination for the Easter holidays as Kew Gardens celebrates all things chocolate and bunny-earred. The fun starts with their traditional Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday 31 March where kids can collect tokens from around the gardens to pick up a chocolate treat from the Easter bunny. Then discover the history of chocolate and ingredients the ancient Mayans used for a special chocolate drink – don't forget to make a wish at their cacao wishing tree. Lara Mistry, Festival Manager at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, says: 'Easter at Kew is all about fun, family, learning, and of course chocolate! Our hands-on sessions give youngsters the opportunity to explore the world of chocolate. The hunt is a fantastic way to start your Easter Sunday.'

# *Just Juniors*

## EDITOR'S CHOICE THREE TO SEE

Holly is a young fairy princess whose best friend is Ben the Elf. Together with Gaston the ladybird and Nanny Plum this delightful cartoon from the makers of Peppa Pig is now transformed into a magical play.

✤ Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom, March 2-3, Richmond Theatre, The Green TW9 1QJ; 0844 871 7651

Take you little ones to see this popular bedtime story being transformed into a musical adaption by Tall Stories Theatre Company: 'The Gruffalo said that no Gruffalo should, ever set foot in the deep dark wood….'

✤ The Gruffalo's Child, March 14–17, Rose Theatre Kingston, 24-26 High Street, KT1 1HL; 0844 482 1556

Prehistoric family fun from Dreamworks with their spring animated blockbuster The Croods. See what happens when the caveman family leave their cave and discover a spectacular new world.

✤ The Croods, released March 22 dates tbc at Richmond Odeon; odeon.co.uk

## Petit Bateau

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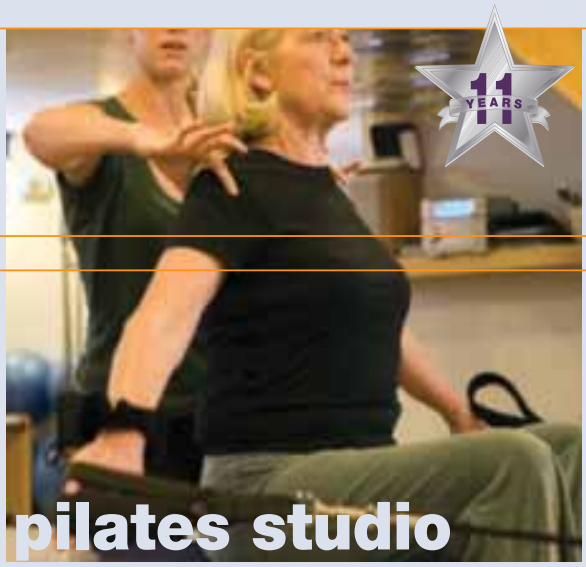


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# Class of the month

## Bootcamp Pilates

It's not just Richmond mums that have taken a new pilates class to heart but rugby players at London Welsh are big fans of Bootcamp Pilates in Red Lion Street too. The squad based in Old Deer Park had a few sessions and prop Billy Moss declared: 'It was a lot harder than I thought. I was expecting a relaxing stretch, but I got a full core work out.'

Instead of just using a mat, the class uses a machine called a reformer which creates instability, meaning a more dynamic-based movement without impacting on your joints. 'It's a lot more dynamic than the standard pilates because you are always working against resistance, not just lying on a mat,' says instructor Harry Rowland. 'The aim is to lengthen your muscles and have a long figure line. After six to eight sessions you will be able to see the results.'

✤ 4 Red Lion Street, TW9 1RW; 020 8090 7999; bootcamppilates.com

# Health & fitness NEWS

## Great gait

A staggering 70 per cent of us have a tendency to roll our feet in when we run – which can lead to long term problems such as shin splints and knee pain. Shoe specialists Sporting Feet, who opened their second store in Richmond last summer, offer a free gait service using a digital foot scanner to help you find the right running shoe for your style. No appointment necessary.

✤ 9 King Street, TW9 1ND; 020 8948 6059; sporting-feet.com

## Spring in your step

Good luck to all those taking part in the Richmond Spring Riverside 10k Run on 23 March. It's still not too late to enter – the closing date for the run organised by The Fix UK is Thursday 21 March. Starting off at the Riverside car park off Ham Street, the route bypasses some of the borough's most stunning scenery and supports Macmillan Cancer Support.

✤ For more information call 020 8144 0797 or visit thefixevents.com

## Revitalising sleep

Neal's Yard Remedies have launched their ultimate overnight beauty cream that helps your skin rejuvenate between the hours of 11pm-4am. Beauty Sleep Concentrate with calming aromatherapy oils including Cypress and Ylang Ylang helps to enhance the quality of your sleep, but also minimise the appearance of fine lines and wrinkles so that when you do wake you will feel (and look) like a sleeping beauty. £30 for 30ml.

✤ 15 King Street, TW9 1ND; 020 8948 9248

## ASK THE EXPERT

**Vice-captain of Rosslyn Park's 1st XV Harry Rowland who also runs H+Motivate Fitness gives us his top tips for strengthening your core.**

✤ Alternate exercises and the intensity: use a variety of exercises and build up your strength by taking yourself off balance: for example try lifting up a leg or arm while holding the plank position.

✤ Don't forget your obliques. Use rotational movements to keep your sides trim.

✤ Focus on lower back extensions: keep your belly button drawn in and raise your chest off the floor. Imagine your core as a belt around your body.

✤ Engage your pelvic floor. The pelvic floor is the deepest muscle to work on.

# Three to eat seasonally

**Purple Sprouting Broccoli** is best eaten fresh. Blanch, then stir fry with olive oil, chilli and garlic for a healthy, vitamin-packed side dish.

Used to enrich soups or stews, **leeks** are a brilliant source of vitamin C as well as iron and fibre. Team up with a potato gratin or grill with cheese.

A great substitute for cabbage or spinach and packed with vitamins and minerals, **kale** makes a fine side dish when sauteed with garlic and soya.

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Weekend ESCAPE

The village of Bray sits on the River Thames

# Golden Bray

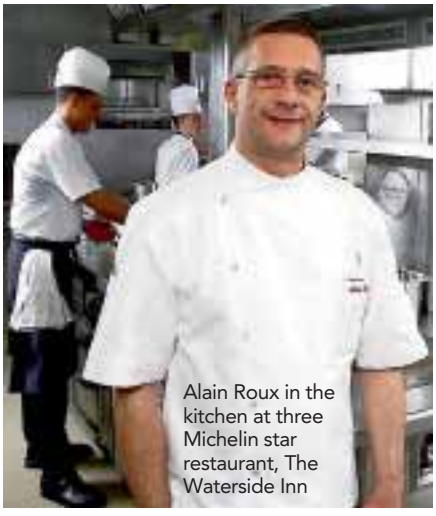
## Kat Hopps discovers the beauty and gastronomic delights of this beautiful Berkshire village

With its picture-perfect cottages, majestic St Michael's church and River Thames setting, Bray is more than a pretty, backwater drive between Maidenhead and Windsor; it is a small destination with big aspirations. Home to two of the four three-Michelin-star restaurants in the UK, The Fat Duck and The Waterside Inn (plus upmarket pubs The Crown and The Hinds Head), Bray has become a Mecca for food lovers.

Located in the heart of the village was my home for the night: the quaint, 500-year-old Muse-Dormer cottage, part of Bray Cottages. The restored interior showcases wooden beams in a warm burnt orange colour scheme. A fully furnished kitchen and wet room with under-floor heating, plus double bedroom with adjacent walk-in wardrobe provide all your necessities.

The setting of the dining table for breakfast, the bed turn-down service and lighting of the fire all elevate the stay above the usual self-catering accommodation. Should you wish to be completely hands off, a concierge service is provided to give you access to local attractions.

We treated ourselves to soothing spa treatments at the nearby Fredrick's Hotel (01628 581 000; fredricks-hotel.co.uk) before heading out to put Bray's foodie reputation to the test.



Alain Roux in the kitchen at three Michelin star restaurant, The Waterside Inn

Located in the heart of the village was my home: the quaint 500-year-old Muse-Dormer cottage

We dined at The Waterside Inn, Michel Roux's three-Michelin-star restaurant of 25 years, now under the patronage of his son Alain. To state this is fine dining would be a monumental understatement; the word exquisite is truly justified here.

Our meal began with a glass of bubbly in one hand and a menu in the other while our charming Maitre'd guided us through the choices. My delicious duo of seasonal game was tender and married with a rich pumpkin subric, melt in the mouth wild mushrooms and spinach. The main of grilled tender rabbit fillets, with glazed chestnuts and celeriac fondant, was another show stopper. A generous cheeseboard followed. Happily, our cottage was just a five-minute walk home.

The morning brought with it ingredients for a full English breakfast, plus more! You might need to persevere with the slightly complicated electric hob (so get the demo first) but two bacon sandwiches were just the ticket for us and a fine way to end our stay.

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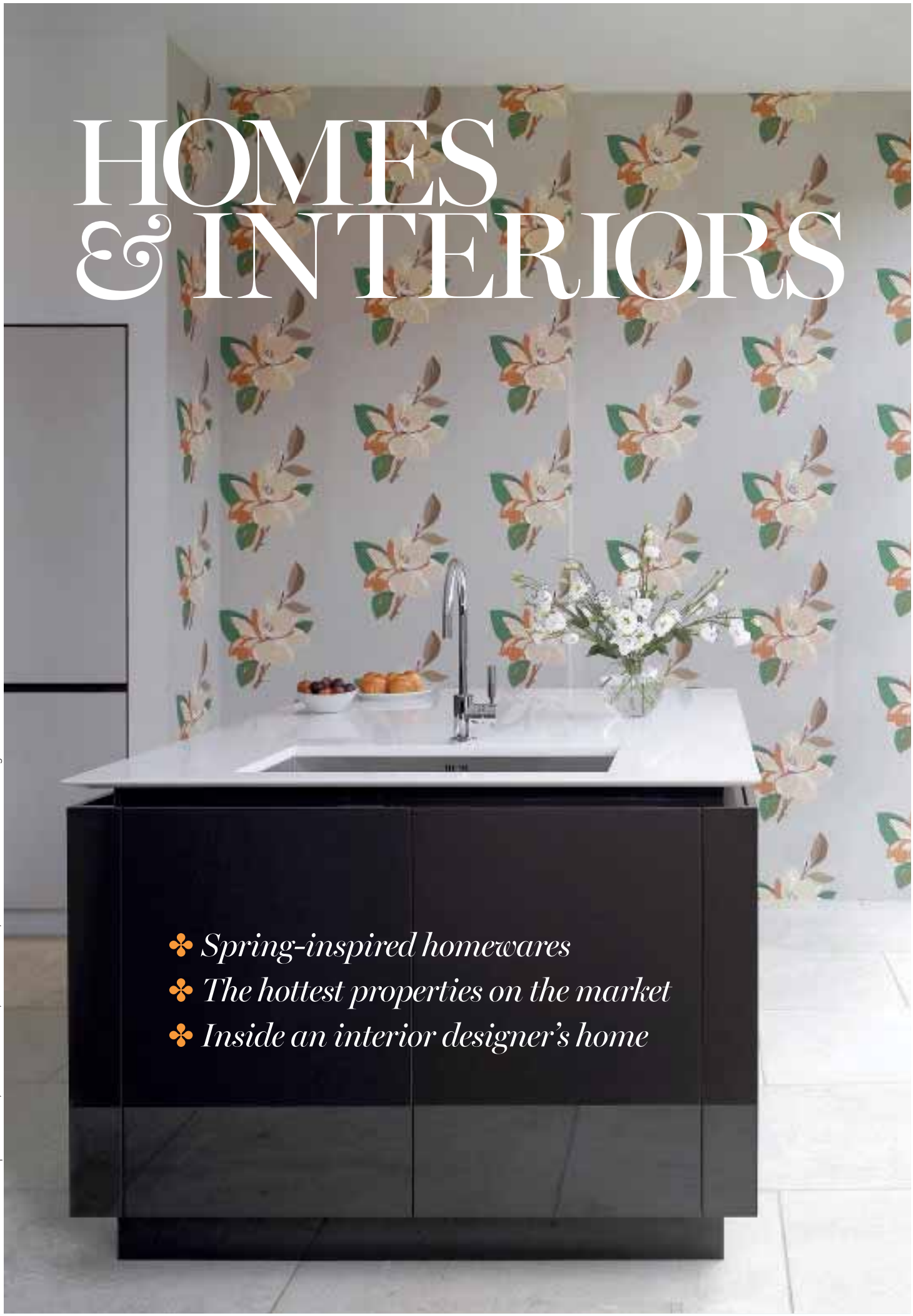

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# Filling in the blanc

## Local interiors expert Jenny Blanc fills us in on her travel inspirations and favourite home buys

As spring comes into bloom, many of us will be happy about lighter evenings and warmer weather but local interiors guru Jenny Blanc has the best of both worlds, with offices in Teddington and Barbados.

The business has been a labour of love for the entrepreneur, who saw a gap in the market for her original take on homeware: 'I started Jenny Blanc interiors with Chrissie Cocks in 1996,' says Jenny.

'Our vision was to be a source of beautiful, original furnishings, accessories and interiors expertise.'

Starting out in hotels, assisting the running of family business The Rose Revival Hotel in Oxford, before launching a series of restaurants with ex-husband and famed chef Raymond Blanc, Jenny soon discovered a passion for interiors while project managing their business renovations.

Jenny's services have been in strong demand as clients have ventured overseas, buying property in the Caribbean island of Barbados. 'The company's work for local clients led to us being commissioned to design interiors for second homes,' says Jenny. 'So we decided to open a second office in the Caribbean island of Barbados.'

> Our vision was to be a source of beautiful, original furnishings, accessories and expertise

Deeply committed to both, Jenny spends her time travelling between the two, maintaining the high standards the company set out with.

And it comes as no surprise that the cross-Atlantic business woman finds inspiration for interiors wherever she goes. 'I travel extensively to find the products we stock,' says Jenny, who has also undertaken exclusive projects in Mustique and Turks and Caicos. 'We pride ourselves on our unique style and elegance.'

A commitment that saw Jenny awarded the prestigious title of Best International Interior Design award in 2007.

So what can customers expect to find either side of the pond? 'We stock a large range of scented candles, diffusers, glassware, tableware and napkins. Our range of home accessories are also popular.'

With her strong work ethic it's no surprise that Jenny's always coming up with new ideas – even when taking time out! 'When I sit by the sea or on a river bank the sound of the water is so relaxing. It's then that my mind can drift and I come up with new creative ideas.'

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Jenny Blanc launched in 1996

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# The interior view...

## Interior designer Lisa Lewis welcomes us into her Richmond home...

With a variety of colours and textures and a fantastic use of light, it's obvious this is no ordinary home. A quick glance shows the eye for detail that only a professional could have bestowed on the Richmond property.

But far from looking like a show-home, Lisa Lewis has used her talents as a designer to create a homely atmosphere combining classic features with quirky additions.

'I really wanted the house to feel warm and welcoming, making the most of the original features but bringing it up to today's standards,' says Lisa. 'In the living room we used beautiful vibrant wallpaper in the alcoves to give it warmth, mixing it with natural materials such as timber flooring and simple plantation shutters at the windows.'

In 2004, the mum-of-two gave up her high-flying job in the City, working for a high end Interiors Company, to launch Lisa Lewis Interiors. Moving to the property seven years ago, the family have worked hard to create their own personal oasis in Richmond's leafy suburbs.

'We were drawn to the property by its potential,' says Lisa, who admits they weren't blown away by the house initially. 'It hadn't been touched for thirty years. The house itself is early Victorian with high ceilings and wonderfully proportioned rooms. We could see it was lovely and light, and had stunning original features.'

But surprisingly, it was a further two years before they began adapting the property. 'I think it can really help you see what will work if you live in the space first.'

Keen to turn their West London pad into a real family home, Lisa set to work; 'The vision was to create a warm, inviting but practical family home.'

'We had the opportunity to do a side return and loft conversion making it into a really good size, as well as maximising value.'

'We used a beautiful Cumbrian slate in the kitchen which worked well with the simple shaker kitchen units and kept the master bedroom neutral, using wallpaper to create a calmer space.'

Rather than create an identikit look, Lisa sourced a variety of materials to create an original look. 'I source furniture from anywhere: antique shops, junk shops, bespoke pieces and high street shops,' she says. An eclectic mindset she extends to her professional work; 'My projects can vary hugely in terms of budget and brief so I'm open to anywhere where we can find simple yet tasteful solutions.'

'I really enjoy mixing antiques and sentimental pieces with more contemporary or more functional pieces. I think it gives a space a lovely feel of history and personality.'

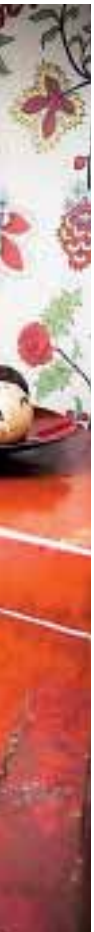
As for Lisa, Richmond has always been special; 'I love the green open spaces and wandering along the river,' she says. 'It's a very picturesque and inspiring part of London.' We couldn't agree more!

The house itself is early Victorian with high ceilings and wonderfully proportioned rooms. It was lovely and light with stunning original features

**Living Room**
Lisa mixes neutral tones with brighter, colourful wallpaper in the alcoves

## Living Room

The bright white space combined with textured rug and cheerful red accessories give the room a homely feel with a touch of decadence



## Kitchen

The classic island feature is a must-have for Lisa's busy family-life, while polka-dots create a fun, child-friendly space

## Reception Room

A selection of ceiling lights combined with wooden flooring and neutral tones give a bright, airy feel. .

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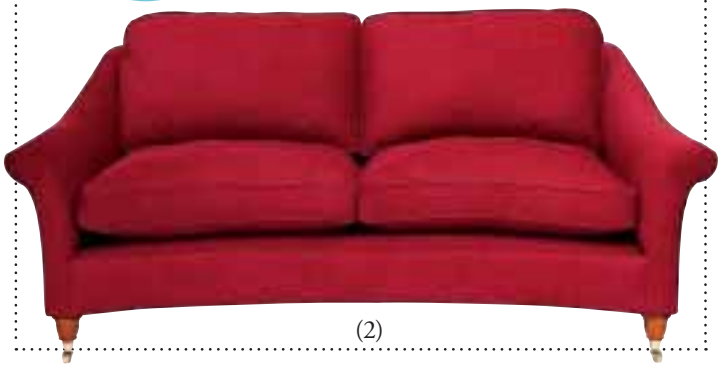

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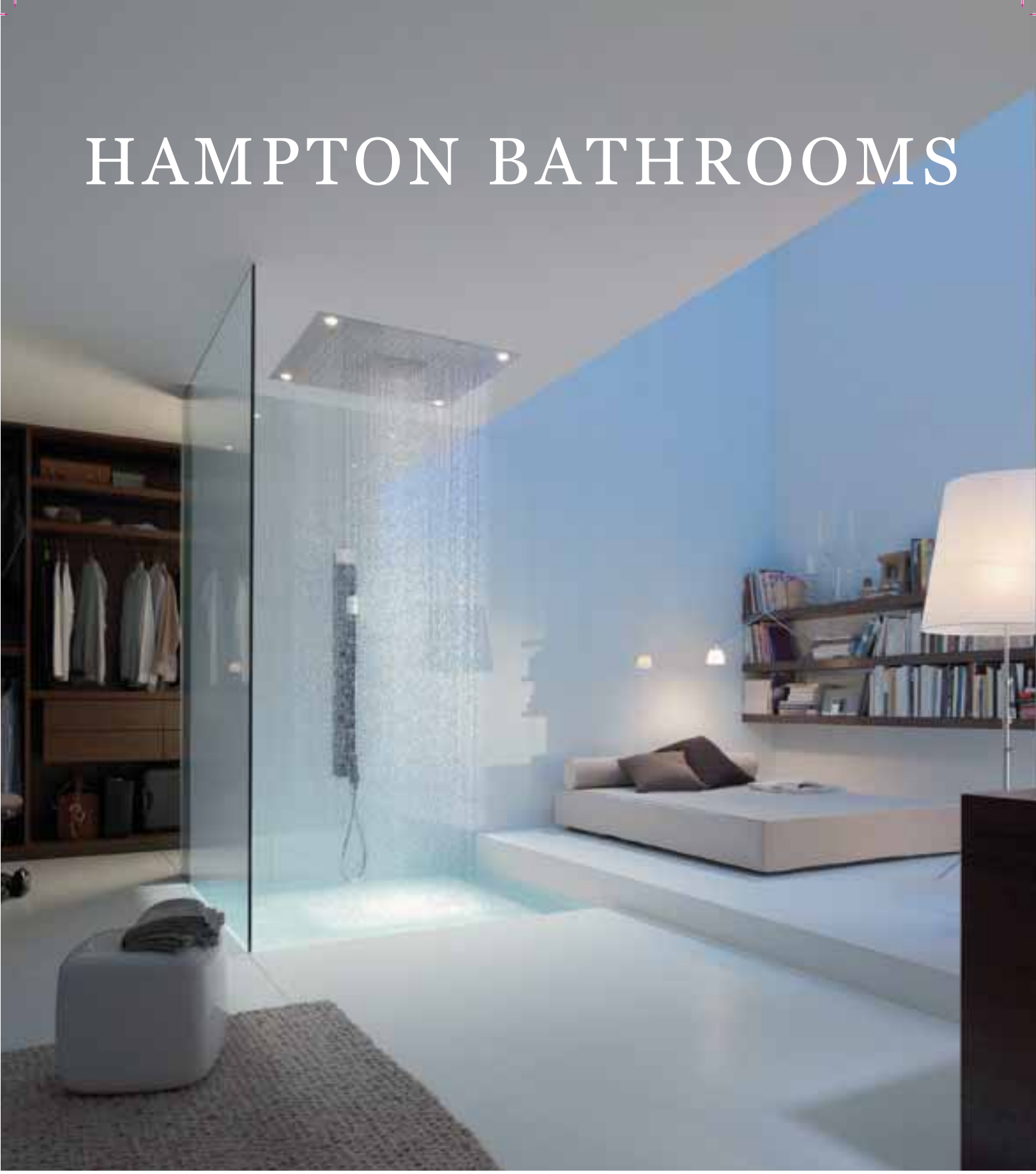
## Powder Room

Lisa makes a humble room into a secret treasure using feature wallpaper, strong gold accesories and finishing touches

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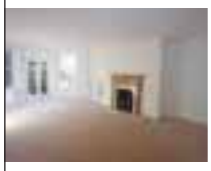

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# *Property* NEWS

## The view from the Terrace...

The Terrace is gifted with one of the best outlooks in the Richmond area, and this famous vista could be yours for £795,000. Within walking distance of Richmond Park and the town centre, the period façade of this building conceals a striking, contemporary interior.

Entering on the ground floor, the apartment comprises an exposed brick wall, sizeable windows, a large reception room with wood floors and impressive open plan kitchen. To the rear, the master suite, guest bedroom and bathroom overlook mature communal gardens. This is a characterful property with compelling features, situated in one of Richmond's premier locations.

✤ Savills Richmond, 40-42 Hill Rise, TW10 6UA; 020 8614 9100; savills.co.uk

## MOVERS AND SHAKERS

Over the last few months, rumours were rife that Lawless and Warrior star Tom Hardy was house hunting with fiancée Charlotte Riley in Richmond. The pair are said to have settled for a gorgeous home close to the rolling landscape of Richmond Park, giving them privacy without straying too far from the town centre. Both are reportedly thrilled with the move; Hardy grew up in nearby Sheen and was once a student at Richmond Drama School, so relocating here is somewhat of a homecoming for the actor. The pair met on the set of the 2008 TV adaptation of Wuthering Heights.

Tom Hardy with fiiancée Charlotte Riley

## HOUSE HUNTER

Although house prices remain stagnant, the latest Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors report shows the biggest rise in house hunters for three years, at an impressive 18%.

Richmond Hill offers iconic views out over Petersham Meadow and the River Thames

**✤ Typical property**
Mansion blocks and apartments.

**✤ Typical price**
Small apartments cost around £400,000, while the finest houses cost up to and well over £10,000,000.

**✤ Surrounding area**
A great mix of galleries, shops, restaurants, rolling parkland and Richmond's smallest pub, The Victoria.

# Street of the month

### RICHMOND HILL

Richmond Hill offers the most fabulous views from the Terrace Gardens, which are open to all and a hop across the road from the welcoming Roebuck pub. The much painted scene of the Petersham Meadow and the winding River Thames is breathtaking and has remained unspoilt despite the passing of time

There is a broad mix of property up from Hill Rise, with many mansion blocks and apartments ranging from the small but perfectly formed to the grand. There are a number of lavish homes dotted on the Hill, occupied by some of the area's most famous residents. You could buy a small apartment for around £400,000 or pay well over £10m for the finest houses. Heading into Hill Rise there's a great mix of galleries, cafés, shops and restaurants as well as Richmond's smallest pub, The Victoria. Up the Hill you have Richmond Park, the largest of the Royal Parks and home to approximately 600 red deer.

✤ By Marc Roberts, Director at Parkgate Estate Agents Richmond. 8 Eton Street, TW9 1EE; 020 8940 2991; parkgate.info

# *Properties to buy in your neighbourhood*

LOCAL LUXE

**Spacious detached house**

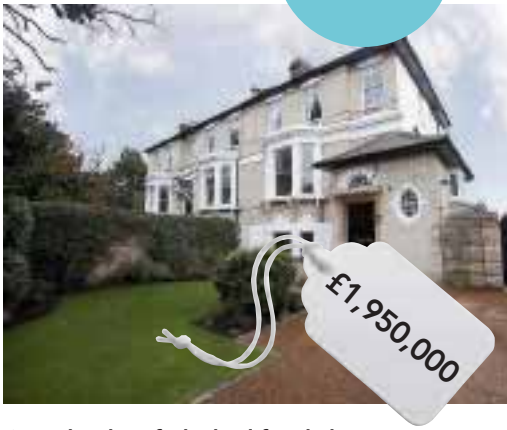
This well-proportioned seven bedroom property on Marchmont Road offers unbeatable entertaining space, off-street parking and a west facing garden.

✤ Knight Frank, 5 Duke Street, TW9 1HP; 020 8939 2800; knightfrank.com

**Four bedroom Victorian house**

Superbly designed and full of light, this stunning family home in Beaumont Avenue has a beautiful kitchen/family room with an island feature and an attractive rear garden.

✤ Antony Roberts Estate Agents Ltd, 3 Kew Road, TW9 2NQ; 020 8940 9403; anthonyroberts.co.uk




**Completely refurbished family home**

A simply stunning five bedroom house on Liverpool Road, moments from Richmond Park, with a double reception room, bespoke kitchen and landscaped gardens.

✤ Knight Frank, 5 Duke Street, TW9 1HP; 020 8939 2800; knightfrank.com

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# Lancaster Park, Richmond TW10

An exceptional apartment arranged over the ground floor of this period property in a prime Richmond Hill location. 3 bedrooms, 2 bath/shower rooms, reception room, kitchen/dining area, cellar, garden. EPC rating D. Approximately 107 sq m (1,153 sq ft)

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# Montpelier Row, Twickenham TW1

A simply exquisite and rarely available house with separate coach house overlooking Marble Hill Park. 4/5 bedrooms, 2 bath/shower rooms, drawing room, family room, stunning kitchen/dining room, study/bedroom 5, large gardens, two off-street parking spaces. EPC rating F. Approximately 288 sq m (3,103 sq ft)

Freehold

Guide price: £2,795,000

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## RICHMOND, TW10 £3,300,000 FREEHOLD

A double fronted seven bedroom detached house located on the lower slopes of Richmond Hill, offering exceptional accommodation with good light and gracious entertaining space on the ground floor with the rare feature of a double garage and a decent amount of parking. Circa 4000 sq ft (372 sq m)

## RICHMOND, TW9 £350,000 SHARE OF FREEHOLD

A character one bedroom ground floor flat offering a stylish interior with a private patio garden, perfect for summer entertainment and bikes. Circa 580 sq ft (53.9sq m)

## KEW, TW9 £2,650 PCM

A modern five bedroom, two bathroom, two reception room family house with a garage and off street parking, private rear garden, located in a residential street in popular Kew.

## RICHMOND, TW9 £1,080 PCM

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# MY AREA: Irene Granleese

Long-standing local and Managing Director at Priory Management Richmond, Irene Granleese is positive about the prospective market ahead. In the friendly ambience of a favourite local bistro, Ma Cuisine, she casts her mind back to last year to give us some context. 'The last quarter has not been typical,' she explains. 'In the six weeks before Christmas the rental market was extremely sluggish and quiet but now there is a complete turnabout and we are overwhelmed with enquires and are letting properties rapidly. More rental properties are urgently required. I wish I had a crystal ball but all the signs at the moment are excellent as demand is high.'

Homing in on Richmond's popular streets, she cites, 'all the roads on the slopes of Richmond Hill and both Kew Green and Richmond Green' as being 'always sought after.' More broadly speaking, Richmond attracts buyers with its, 'good schools and outstanding restaurants, two theatres and several cinemas, health clubs and sports facilities, easy access to the London Heathrow Airport and to Central London, excellent shopping, proximity to the River Thames, Kew Botanical Gardens and of course the unspoilt acres of Richmond Park.'

> The roads on the slopes of Richmond Hill, Kew Green and Richmond Green are always sought after

When it comes to tenants in the area, it's tough to pigeon-hole: 'There is such a spectrum of property in the area; typical tenants range from executives of major multi-national companies, senior diplomats, middle management with families and young professionals.'

## Irene's insider info

**✤ Top tip for tenants**

I advise tenants to always use a professional local residential letting agent who specialises in that area of the market rather than a sales agent who is doing letting as a sideline. At Priory Management we pride ourselves on the standards maintained in our Property Management Department.

**✤ Top tips for landlords**

Again, employ the services of a dedicated local residential letting agent and be prepared to spend when necessary.

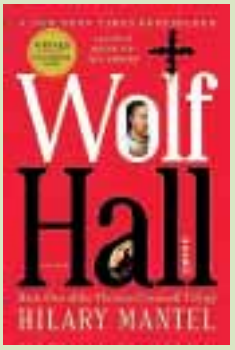
## What I love...

**How long have you lived in Richmond and how do you feel about the neighbourhood?**
I love the area. I have lived here throughout my adult life and have brought up five children who have all attended local schools and are now all pursuing interesting careers.

**Where would we find you out and about in TW9 or TW10?**
My husband and I regularly use the excellent local restaurants and love to go to the Richmond Film house which shows all the latest top class films.

**Is there a film you've seen recently which you have enjoyed?**
We have just seen Tom Hooper's film version of Les Miserables and loved it. Also Steven Spielberg's Lincoln.

**What are you currently reading?**
At the moment I am reading Hilary Mantel's Wolf Hall and intend to read her Booker prizewinner, Bring Up The Bodies.




**What don't you leave the house without?**
My mobile phone. It's my lifeline when I'm out and about. I like to keep in touch with my children, especially my daughter who lives in Australia with her husband and two of my eight grandchildren.

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# My Richmond

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Best British Chocolatier for four years running, William Curley and wife Suzue moved to Richmond ten years ago spoiling us with their mouthwatering chocolates and patisseries. Now with a shop in Belgravia and also in Harrods, their creations, inspired by Suzue's Japanese roots, have become a favourite with Richmond locals. Watch out for their yummy Easter range this month and events including a Children's Easter Special Class on Good Friday.

**I have lived in Richmond since…** 2003. Suzue and I were looking for a shop in various parts of London, but once we saw Richmond that was it for us. We upped sticks and moved here to get to know the area better. We opened our shop in Paved Court in 2004. (1)

**I love Richmond because…** It's unique. The local people during the week who have time to talk, then at the weekend it becomes a destination for families and shoppers. It's so close to nature with the park and the ebb and flow of the river, something that the Japanese culture embrace, which is probably why we instantly fell in love with it.

**When I'm away from Richmond I miss…** being in my kitchen creating things. Last year we won the Guinness World Record for the most expensive non-jewelled chocolate egg. It's going to be hard to top that this Easter, but we will try. (2)

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**My favourite place to dine out in Richmond is…** The Victoria Pub in West Temple, Sheen. Paul Merret is a fantastic chef. He was awarded a Michelin star while at The Greenhouse in Mayfair. He brings the best out of his ingredients and understands herbs and spices. I love his homely traditional fare.

**Richmond residents…** you'd think would be very conservative with their chocolate tastes but the locals love our Japanese range.

**My favourite drinking hole in Richmond is…** The Cricketers on The Green. It's also next door to us so makes the perfect place for a pint after work, especially in the summer.

**You can't beat the coffee/tea/cakes in Richmond at…** William Curleys! Rosie and Java next door supply all of our coffee and tea. You'll often find me with a Matcha Latte (a milky drink with green tea) with one of our passion fruit entremets.

**My favourite building/landmark in Richmond is…** Richmond Theatre. The fact it is there to be enjoyed inside and outside makes it extra special for me.

**What I wouldn't change about Richmond is…** the open space. I love walking and reserving all that local greenery.

**What I would change about Richmond is…** the aeroplanes. They can all go to Boris Island.

**The perfect family destination in Richmond is…** Kew Gardens. We have a two-year-old daughter and she loves the play area. (3)

**When the rugby is on I am…** working! I'm more of a Dundee United fan, so I keep out of the way when Richmond becomes a big boys day out.

**My favourite place to shop in Richmond is…** The Village Butchers on Friars Stile Road and Sandys for fish in Twickenham.

**You wouldn't know it, but I can't get through the day without….** Chocolate! I'm very partial to our Japanese Black Vinegar chocolates. And being the owner means I do pinch the odd one!

**My Richmond secret is…** a walk off the beaten track in Richmond Park. I took a tangent one day and found a lake with seats and no one was there. I had a flask of hot chocolate and couldn't be happier.'

✤ William Curley, 10 Paved Court, Richmond TW9 1LZ; 020 8332 3002

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